establishing its network due to weak position of internal intelligence mechanism of Indian armed forces;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this spy network of Pakistan is spread from Delhi to Kathmandu and Dhaka, and documents relating to army reach Pakistan's intelligence network; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard, so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Reports available with the Government indicate presence of Pakistani Intelligence Operatives in Bangladesh, Nepal and India. Our intelligence and security agencies are quite alert to the attempts being made by hostile countries and there has been effective neutralization of such attempts by our counter intelligence agencies. Comprehensive preventive measures are being enforced and regular security review is carried out from time to time with a view to sensitize the environment for making the security apparatus foolproof. In addition the existing Counter Intelligence set up in the Armed Forces is synergized on a regular basis to meet new challenges.

Modernisation of Armed Forces

2292. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been prepared to modernize armed forces with latest machines and equipment, to enable them to meet security requirements of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken to ensure that the policy is implemented as per the plan?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Modernisation of Armed Forces is a continuous process based on threat perception, technological changes and budget allocations. The process also involves the formulation of a Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan

(LTIPP) for the Defence Forces. 5 year Services Capital Acquisition Plan are then drawn up from the LTIPP. The 5 year plans are further broken into Annual Acquision Plans (AAPs) comprising of those schemes that have been categorized and acceptance of necessity accorded. AAPs are based on a two year acquisition cycle and cater for adequate cushion to safeguard against surrender of funds. Amendments in the Annual Acquisition Plan are carried out if considered necessary on account of national security objectives, operational urgency, etc.

The progress of these plans is reviewed/monitored at regular intervals at various levels to ensure their implementation in a time-bound manner.

Sexual harassment of women defence officers

2292. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether women defence officers have complained about being sexually harassed and victimized by their senior officers;

(b) whether the Court of Inquiry found the accused *prima facie* guilty of the charges; and

(c) if so, the measures taken to protect the reverence of lady officers?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) There have been a few isolated cases where women officers have alleged sexual harassment and victimization by their senior officers. In two such cases reported during the current year, Courts of Inquiry were instituted. Only in one case some *prima facie* evidence could be found.

The Defence forces take appropriate measures for the safety and security of its personnel including women. Any complaint of sexual harassment of women officers is viewed seriously and is investigated and dealt with in accordance with relevant provisions of respective Services Acts.

Compensation to farmers for use of their land for Defence

2294. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to pay